व्यवस्था, भवन निर्माण सामग्री, नागरिक सेवायें / मूलभूत सुविधाओं आदि जैसे विभिन्न घटकों पर निर्भर करता है।

Autonomy for AIR and Doordarshan

2699. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Political Parties who wanted autonomous status for Akashwani and Doordarshan; and

(b) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Several political parties including Janata, Telugu Desam, Akali Dal (L), Samyukta Socialist Party have made the demand for autonomous status for Akashvani and Doordarshan in the recent past.

(b) Government is of the view that the media are meant to serve the people and for such a purpose, it is not necessary that they should be set up as statutory bodies/corporations. However, both All India Radio and Doordarshan enjoy complete autonomy in all professional matters.

Delay in deputing Central Teams to drought and flood affected States

2700. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in deputing the Central teams to study the drought/flood situation, submission of their reports and releasing of the recommended funds; and

(b) what are the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government to avoid this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) High Level Committee on Relief had laid down a time schedule for processing Memorandum submitted by State Government seeking Central assistance in the wake of natural calamities. All efforts are made to adhere to this time schedule.

Expert Committee for specification for oilseeds

2701. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had constituted an expert Committee for determining FAO specifications for oilseeds on the recommendations of the Agricultural Cost and Prices Commission on price policy for Rabi crops of 1987-88; and

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its reports and if so, the details thereof and the recommendations of the Committee considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. However, such an Expert Committee was set up on the recommendations of the Commission in its report for Rabi crops of 1986-87.

(b) The Committee has since submitted its report. The recommendations given by the Committee cover standardisation of Fair Average Quality and one grade below Fair Average Quality for oilseeds such as groundnut pods, mustard, toria, soyabean, sunflower and safflower under price support scheme. Besides, the Committee has recommended upgradation of technical facilities at Mandi level. The Government has accepted

the recommendations of the Committee and necessary guidelines have been issued for follow up action by all the concerned.

FAO aid for Poultry

2702. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether FAO is aiding the country for promoting Poultry farming in the country; and

(b) if so, the aid received from FAO so far and the amount spent in Andhra Pradesh from the aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) At present, there is no FAO project providing aid to the country for promoting poultry farming. However, FAO had earlier provided aid in the form of consultancy with the object to advise Government on future poultry and egg marketing policy.

(b) The FAO contribution was of the order of US $ 45000 for the whole project and no separate amount was earmarked for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Training courses for production technology in various crops

2703. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training courses for production technology in various crops have been conducted in the States; and

(b) if so, the details of the courses conducted and being conducted in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of RM (West) Bombay in NCCF

2704. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Regional Manager (West) Bombay is allegedly involved in the embezzlement case pertaining to his posting in Kolhapur Store;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has obtained anticipatory bail to avoid arrest; and

(c) if so, what are the considerations for allowing him to work against a key-post involving turnover of about Rs. 50 crore annually?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) A complaint has been received by the NCCF from the Kolhapur Wholesale Cooperative Store in this regard.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The officer has been given additional responsibility of Regional Manager (West) due to shortage of officers of this seniority in NCCF. It has been reported that the NCCF could not proceed against the officer as the Store in its complaint did not support the allegation with any enquiry report, documentary or other evidence. The Store has filed a complaint before the Judicial Magistrate, Kolhapur, and NCCF would ascertain the contents and progress of the case and take suitable action, as per the Rules.

Appraisal performance of Technology Mission on drinking water

2705. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any snap appraisal regarding